

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, EIC

SUBJECT : Annual Report of the SC on Chemicals
for Fiscal Year 1963

1. Activities of the Subcommittee during FY'63.

The EIC Subcommittee on Chemicals held no meetings during FY 1963.

The relative inactivity of this SC in recent years is mainly a reflection of the fact that there is little overlap of interest in chemical and related intelligence among the various governmental departments and agencies and hence no real need for SC coordination of intelligence on a periodic or recurring basis. In those few cases where there is an overlap of interests, e.g., chemicals relating to missile propellants and chemical warfare, bilateral coordination and exchange of information between the interested parties have proved to be a more efficient and sensible approach than using the Subcommittee apparatus.

2. Statements of Priority Deficiencies of Research and Collection

These Subcommittee statements are more than 2 years old and are now outdated. They can be updated but would be no more than duplications of research programs already scheduled and requirements already served in one form or another on collection components. The officers of the Subcommittee question the usefulness of going through what appears to be a paper exercise in the updating of these statements.

3. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

In spite of its relative inactivity, the Subcommittee on Chemicals has performed a useful function. It has provided in the past and will continue to provide a readily available body of specialized intelligence and technical experts to review papers and research projects of community interest and to provide other assistance on request, such as that relating to proposed exchanges of chemical delegations with the Communist countries. It has also

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served the very useful purpose of enabling the representatives of the various agencies and departments to become acquainted with one another.

4. Future Program of the Subcommittee

It is believed that no useful purpose would be served by trying to enhance the role of the SC. It is recommended that it continue to be regarded primarily as a standby group to provide the type of assistance outlined in paragraph 3.

It is presently planned to convene the SC during September in order to introduce the new members and to review the pertinent FY'64 research programs of the various agencies.

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Chairman, EIC Subcommittee on Chemicals